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Title: Post Print Finishing Device With	)	
Imaging Material Binder	)	
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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Claims**

Cancel Claims 1-8 and add the following new claims.

1-8.(cancelled)

9.(new) A post print finishing device, comprising:  
an output bin;

a sheet accumulator disposed adjacent to the output bin, the accumulator having a receiving port through which sheets are received into the accumulator, a discharge port through which a stack of sheets is discharged to the output bin, and a binding port through which a stack of sheets is moved for binding, the accumulator configured to accumulate sheets in a stack, move the stack back and forth through the binding port and discharge the stack to the output bin through the discharge port; and

a binder disposed adjacent to the accumulator, the binder comprising a pair of heated platens disposed opposite one another adjacent to the accumulator binding port, the platens movable between a first open position in which an edge of